

PARISH NOTES

A Costumed Hallowe'en Party for the whole parish will be held on Hallowe'en night, Monday, October 31st, at 8 o'clock. An admission of five cents will be charged to defray expenses.

The Men's Club will resume their meetings in the very near future. Watch for announcement. Mr. Hannum, Mr. Betz and Mr. Birbinhine will resume their activities with Mr. Grear, Mr. Cartlidge, Mr. Campisi, Mr. Johnson and those men who have been so faithful in their devotion to the club this past year.

The Junior Women's Auxiliary will present a Candle Light Tea on the evening of November 11th, at 8.30 o'clock. Subscription, 25 cents.

"A March of Songs" will be given November 18, 1938, 8 P. M. Dancing will follow. Tickets 25 cents.

A Community Service will be held on Thanksgiving Day by the joint congregations of Mariners' Bethel, Greenwich Street Presbyterian Church and Gloria Dei for the neighborhood at this church at 10.30 A. M.

"Remember the Poor." The need is so great. Send all the food you can to be made up into baskets. Each year this work grows greater. God has been good to you, blessed you with food, clothes and shelter. Remember those who will have no Thanksgiving unless you make it possible.

**The Christmas Bazaar will be held on
Friday and Saturday, December 8th and 9th**

FALL SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONS

Monday—Miss Nicholas' Class in Adult Education	7.30 P. M.
Tuesday—Mothers' Club	2.00 P. M.
Girls' Friendly Society	7.30 P. M.
"B" Auxiliary (2nd and 4th)	8.00 P. M.
Men's Club (monthly)	8.00 P. M.
Wednesday—Boys' Club	7.30 P. M.
Women's Auxiliary, 3rd Wednesday	1.00 P. M.
Thursday—Parish Guild (Monday or Thursday) (monthly)	6.00 P. M.
Friday—Young People's Choir Rehearsal	8.00 P. M.
Junior Choir Rehearsal	7.30 P. M.
Sunday—Sunday School	
Primary Department	9.45 A. M.
Senior Department	9.45 A. M.
Women's Bible Class	2.00 P. M.
Church Services	
Holy Communion, 1st Sunday	11.00 A. M.
Morning Prayer	11.00 A. M.
Vespers	3.00 P. M.



OCTOBER BULLETIN

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REV. JOHN CRAIG ROAK, S.T.B., Rector

"ALL THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK"

It is heartening to see the enthusiasm displayed by our people in Gloria Dei this Fall. The interest in the religious, social and educational program of the congregation has never been better in our time. When all our hearts are centered in God's work it is certain to go forward abundantly. How much more inspiring our work becomes when we put forth as much effort trying to improve the quality of it as most of us do trying to find excuses for not properly attending to it. If work is the mission of mankind on earth then the work of the Kingdom is the mission of every disciple.

The most engaging task of the month is the Every Member Canvass. It offers new pathways for work, it calls for new courage and adventure with Faith, Prayer, Worship and Gifts. When you are called to aid in this vital endeavor you are building the walls of the temple just as truly as the people who had a mind to work in the days of Nehemiah.

WHEN WE FILL OUT OUR PLEDGE CARDS

Let us remember

That the pledge is to God and that it should be made after prayer and conscientious planning.

That God has been both gracious and generous toward us and that He only expects of us in accordance with that fact.

That our church properties are well suited to our needs and that it requires considerable money to keep them in repair and ready at all times for our use.

That we are striving to maintain acceptable hours of worship and adequate leadership in our evangelical, educational, and social endeavors, and that "the labourer is worthy of his hire."

That is both our duty and our privilege to send messengers everywhere, telling everyone about "The Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour," and that every mile traveled, every moment spent, every message given, costs money.

JOHN CRAIG ROAK.

RECTOR'S RECEPTION

The fifth anniversary of the institution of Mr. Roak as rector of this church will be celebrated by a service on the evening of All Saints' Day, November 1, at 8 o'clock. This will be followed by an informal reception in the Parish Hall to which everyone is cordially invited.

ASSISTANCE

Mr. Gerhard Charles Stutzer, a student at the Divinity School in Philadelphia, comes to us from St. Stephen's Church, New York City, to assist the rector. Born in Berlin, Germany, a graduate of the Gymnasium, he has decided to study for the ministry after having developed a business career in New York. Mr. Stutzer will assist at all services and preach from time to time. He will have charge of Young People's work, Boys' Club work and evangelistic work in the neighborhood.

A PARISH GUILD

Mrs. George McCall, Mrs. Henry C. Dick, and Mrs. Harry Hodgson are interested in the creation of an organization of women to work to raise funds to meet our parish obligations. The plan includes a supper each month available to all. On November 6th there will be a supper meeting to discuss plans for the future. It is most encouraging to the rector to see this loyal support in an effort sorely needed in this parish.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION AND THE PARISH DINNER

Tuesday, November 21st, 6.30 P. M.

Dinner 50c

Reports

Speakers

MAYFLOWER SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

The Pennsylvania Society of Mayflower Descendants will hold their Annual Service of Thanksgiving at this church on Sunday afternoon, November 13th, at 3 P. M. The Rev. Melville Gurley, Elder of the Society, will make the address.

PENCE CANS DUE!

Last July one hundred and seventy-five Pence Cans were distributed among the families in the church. They are not designed to interfere with your regular giving to the church through the envelope system but rather to assist it through the small gifts placed in them from day to day. They are due at this time. You will assist very much in their collection if you will bring yours in next Sunday. It is surprising how much we can help the work if each will make it his duty to return his Pence Can with some savings therein.

Parish Notes

Mr. C. D. Trout of the Air Reduction Sales Corporation, will be the principal speaker at the Men's Club, Tuesday evening, March 18, at 8 P. M. His subject will be "Liquid Air" which he will follow with a demonstration of the same. All men and young men of the Church are invited. If you have never been to one of these meetings try this one.

Remember the Maundy Thursday Night Communion at 8 P. M. Supper will be available for those living at a distance. On Good Friday there will be the Three Hours from 12-3 P. M. and at 8 P. M.

Every organization in our Church and Church School and every individual is urged to work and sacrifice that we will have a good Easter Offering. Mite Boxes have been sent to every family in the Church to serve as a reminder that we should lay aside some stipend for the Lord, be it ever so small, throughout these forty days of Lent.

The Young People's Fellowship report that they have raised twenty-six dollars towards the new hardwood floor for the Parish Hall. Miss Helen Kain will be glad to receive donations for this fund which has been deposited in the Philadelphia Savings Fund until the goal is reached. At least \$100.00 will be required for this project.

Not a few of our people have taken boxes of chocolate eggs this year which they have been selling for the benefit of our Easter Offering. If you care to help in this good effort please leave your order with Mr. German, the Sexton. Phone—DEW. 2136.

Women of this congregation are reminded once again of the study group which meets each Wednesday in the Guild House immediately after the Noon-day Lenten Service. Bring your box lunch and join in the consideration of the Presiding Bishop's plan for our Communion during the next ten years.

There is still ample time to join the confirmation class. Children meet with the Rector on Tuesdays of each week at 4 o'clock and adults at the conclusion of the morning service each Sunday at 12.30. The Bishop will visit this Parish on Easter Sunday afternoon.



MARCH BULLETIN

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LENTEN VESPER SERVICES

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS 3.30 P. M.

VISITING CHOIRS and CLERGY

A PAGEANT :- "*Our Church One Through the Ages*"

ANNUAL VISITATION of BISHOP TAITT

Here is an unusual opportunity to hear some of Philadelphia's finest Choirs under the Penitential Music of the Church at these Lenten Vespers each Sunday afternoon until Easter Day in historic GLORIA DEI (OLD SWEDES') CHURCH.

Sunday, March 16—Stainer's Sacred Cantata

"The Crucifixion"

Sung by sixty voices of the CHOIR OF THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR, 38th and Chestnut Sts., under the direction of their organist, Irving Hancock.

Sunday, March 23

The Distinguished Negro Choir in this Diocese from the Church of The Crucifixion, Eighth and Bainbridge Streets, will render the service under the direction of William L. King, organist and choir-master.

The Rev. Robert H. Tabb, Rector, will be the preacher.

Sunday, March 30

For the first time in the long history of this Church the clergy and choir of Grace Church, Merchantville from our neighboring Diocese of New Jersey will take the service.

The Rector, the Rev. James Richards, will preach. The Rev. Richard S. Bailey will assist. The Choir will be under the direction of Frederick B. Sponsler.

Sunday, April 6—Palm Sunday—A Pageant

"OUR CHURCH ONE THROUGH THE AGES"

Commencing with the Apostles the Church is seen to expand through the lives of S. Stephen, S. Paul, Polycarp, Constantine, Luther, Cranmer, our colonial and modern missionaries. Our own Choir will render this service under the direction of Mr. Snyder.

Sunday, April 13—Easter Day

The Rt. Rev. Francis Marion Taitt, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will make his Annual Visitation to the Parish and confirm the candidates for confirmation.

Sunday, April 20—Low Sunday

Annual Service of The Swedish Colonial Society will attend this service in commemoration of Forefathers' Day and the beginnings of the Swedish settlements on the Delaware.

A Simple Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace!

Where there is hatred . . . let me sow love,

Where there is injury . . . pardon,

Where there is doubt . . . faith,

Where there is despair . . . hope,

Where there is darkness . . . light,

Where there is sadness . . . joy,

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled . . . as to console,

To be understood . . . as to understand,

To be loved . . . as to love,

for

It is in giving . . . that we receive,

It is in pardoning . . . that we are pardoned,

It is in dying . . . that we are born to Eternal Life.

St. Francis of Assisi.

Visiting clergymen are preaching each noonday from Tuesday to Friday of each week in Lent.

The Reverends, Garley, Jones, Dabill are preaching at our Mid-Week Thursday evening services.

PARISH NOTES

Calling all women in the Parish! If you were absent at the October meeting of the Women's Meeting—please make note of this date—Wednesday, November 11, at 2 P. M., in Parish Hall. We need contributions of food and gifts for the dinner and the sale.

Two hundred and twenty-three dollars has been received so far for the Coal Fund. We need eight hundred dollars by the first of the year. Two vestrymen have each contributed the price of a ton of coal, one vestryman has given sufficient to purchase five tons. The congregation is beginning to awaken to our need. An Advent Folder will soon be mailed to everyone containing spaces for four dollars in dimes for adults and forty cents in pennies for children. These will be collected as part of our Christmas Offering for the Coal Fund.

A Friendship Club and Bible Study Group has been organized by the Rector for women who reside near the Church. They meet on Thursday evenings at 7.45.

The Sunday School Hallowe'en Party was held on mischief night this year.

Remember our Harvest Home Festival, Sunday Morning, November 22, and bring some produce or canned goods and other gifts for the poor.

The Mayflower Society will hold their Annual Thanksgiving Service in the Church on November 22 at 3.30 P. M. Their Elder, the Rev. Melville Gorley, will preach.

Another British battleship is in port, therefore we can expect a visit from their Chaplain and possibly the Commander and members of the crew.

Mr. Phillip R. Nichols and Miss Dorothy Dollsheck are receiving contributions for Christmas gifts for our boys in the Armed Forces. Twenty-five are absent from us.

When Archbishop Temple of Canterbury was asked whether we were fighting this war for Christianity, he replied, "Nazism is opposed to Christianity. Our civilization has many Christian features. The beliefs of civilized peoples are akin to Christianity, though the ideas may have come from other religions. So we are fighting against an anti-Christian thing and for something which is in harmony with Christianity.

"However, we are not fighting for the Christian faith itself. Moslems, Hindus, Jews and followers of other religions are battling beside the Christians for civilization. We are fighting to give every man his chance. That is democracy we are fighting for and that is part of practical Christianity."



NOVEMBER BULLETIN

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WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH WORTH TO YOU? READ THESE WORDS OF BISHOP HOBSON

You and I together with all who are responsible for leadership in this year's Everymember Canvas—are "on the spot." The Presiding Bishop knows what he is talking about when he calls this, "One of the most crucial canvases in the Church's history. Dr. Franklin, our Treasurer, spoke the truth at the National Council Meeting a few days ago when he said, "The work of the Church is seriously threatened as it has seldom been at anytime in the past."

Every person who has any clear vision of the situation we face, knows that the next few weeks will determine whether the Church is to go forward or retreat.

If you could have sat in, as I did, at the meeting of the National Council, you would have heard thrilling accounts of the increased opportunities the Church is facing. Also, you would have been impressed with the tragedy which will come if we fail to meet our responsibilities. Never has the world needed the light of Christ as it does today. If the Christian Church doesn't provide this light we're wasting our effort by even trying to win the war. Victory in the war will give us a chance to share in rebuilding the world, but that can only come if God's way is the way we take—and God's way as revealed in Christ must be open to man by his Church.—This is an excerpt from a timely letter written by the Rt. Rev. Henry H. Hobson, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

EVERY MEMBER CANVAS

November 15 to December 6

Keep Our Church Bells Ringing

ALL SAINTS DAY

How lovely it is to think that the first Sunday in November is All Saints' Day. We constantly reiterate in the creed our faith in the Communion of the Saints. This year the Celebration of Holy Communion on All Saints' Day will have most sacred significance to all of us.

At this service the Girls' Friendly Society will present the Parish with the new Church Flag. The flag is white, representing purity, the red of the cross upon it represents the blood of the martyrs, the blue of the upper left-hand canton is the light blue of the bright blue sky, the color the ancient artists always used for the clothing of the mother of our Lord. It is called Madonna blue and symbolizes the human nature of Jesus Christ.

The nine cross-crosslets on the blue canton commemorates the nine dioceses that formed the original General Convention held in Philadelphia in October, 1789, where the Constitution and the Prayer Book were adopted. They are placed in the form of St. Andrew's Cross to commemorate the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Samuel Seabury, first Bishop of the American Church, by Scottish bishops. Hereafter the American Flag will be placed on the Gospel side of the altar and the Church Flag on the Epistle side.

We are deeply grateful to Miss Helen Gledhill and her girls for this very handsome gift.

BISHOP HART

SPEAKER AT ANNUAL PARISH DINNER

November 17 — 6.30 P. M.

The annual meeting of the Corporation and Parish Dinner will be graced by the presence of our new Bishop-Coadjutor, Oliver J. Hart, D.D. Bishop Hart said the sweetest memory his family carried south with them was his first service here at Gloria Dei. And added, "When the sledding is wrought it will be a memory which I can find comfort in."

The dinner, like that last year, will be real Thanksgiving fare. Turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Because of the increase in food costs the price will be seventy-five cents. Please mail your acceptances in promptly. Home-made cakes and Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale. All the proceeds from this dinner will be applied to the Coal Fund.

Helen Gledhill is training a cast of fifteen in a two-act play called, "A Merry Christmas." Mrs. Campbell has her children's chorus learning Christmas Carols. A Christmas Masque called "The Holy Night" is being prepared for little children. All this preparation suggests a fine Christmas Party and we are in hopes all the Parish will plan to be present.

PARISH NOTES

The Gloria Dei Guild of Art presented a musical show called, "The Home Front Review" on the 3rd of December. Mrs. John Campbell is to be congratulated upon the excellent way she trained the children's choruses and arranged the order of this very entertaining program. Mrs. Campisi, creator of the Guild, had charge of the costumes and settings. Proceeds from this show were for the Coal Fund and the Guild.

Too much thanks cannot be extended to the women who prepared and the girls who served our Parish Dinner. Mrs. Lee Drayton and Mrs. Samuel Clover had charge of the preparations and they delivered the goods in a magnificent way. Mrs. Harry Hodgson, despite her illness, was present and gave most generously of herself and her experience, which our women deeply appreciated. The following women were tireless in their help: Mrs. Bleyler, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Mildred German, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Bessie German; Mrs. Powell and others. Mrs. Parnum and Mrs. Seaholm had charge of the gift corner and Mrs. Franck and Mrs. B. German the cakes.

Have you sent your card indicating what you expect to give for Church support to Mr. Hodgson? Mr. Nichols, the Every Member Canvas Chairman, urges you to do this at once to help him complete his work.

In November two meetings were held for all the women in the Church who would and could help in raising funds for the current expenses of the Church. Fifteen women responded to this call. More are needed to make this a strong women's group. The December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, at 2.30 in the Guild House.

On Friday night, December 18, the Woman's Auxiliary will have a Victory Candlelight Tea and Radio Party for the benefit of their missionary program. Admission will be thirty-five cents and the guests will be well repaid when they see the "surprise" character of the decorations, prizes and the refreshments. Everybody loves surprises—so plan to come and bring your friends.

Another surprise which will have taken place when this bulletin is printed—the marriage of Helen Kain and Pvt. Harold Hopkins on Saturday night, December 12, at 6.30 in the Church. May God's richest blessing be upon this happy couple who are serving so loyally in our Choir.



DECEMBER BULLETIN

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THE ARMOUR OF LIGHT

In the collect for the first Sunday in Advent we ask for God's grace so that we may cast away the works of darkness. The Church bids us awake out of carelessness, unbelief and sin. These are the works of darkness, because they shut out the light of God. St. Paul gives us a list of things which he found shutting the light of God out of the lives of the Roman Christians. They were dishonesty, rioting, drunkenness and living to please oneself. You can see that we suffer from the same sins today. We pray for grace to put away all these things from us. In their place we ask that God may help us to put on, the Armour of Light. Paul was frequently meeting the Roman soldiers who wore armour. He thought of the Christian as a soldier, and so he speaks of Him wearing the armour of God and the armour of light. He took the parts of the Roman soldier's armour and described the armour of the Christian soldier. The girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit; these are a Christian's equipment for the battle against sin, the world, the flesh and the devil.

Why are we specially talking of casting off the works of darkness and putting on us the armour of light? In Advent we think of the First Coming of Christ. Always at the beginning of the Church's year, we remind ourselves of the First Advent. We use the season, too, as a preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, and then we think, too, of His Second Coming. Last time He came as the Babe of Bethlehem. Next time, when He comes He will be our Judge. Then He will separate the sheep from the goats. They that have done good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil will be told to depart from Him, to be separated from the life of God forever. We have our opportunity here and now. Let us cast off the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light.

THE ADVENT OFFERING—1942

Each family in our congregation and many individual members have received an Advent Folder to be filled and presented to the Church at Christmas. It is suggested that children fill the folder with pennies and adults with dimes. Of course these receipts will be added to the Coal Fund. As announced, we need eight hundred dollars in this fund by Christmas. To date we have received from all sources \$519.75. Included in this total are gifts of five dollars received from Mr. Cartledge and Miss Helen Wood. Gifts of ten dollars from Mr. Wallace, Mr. Seaholm and Mr. Weeks. A gift of fifteen dollars from Mrs. Lobue. A gift of fifty dollars from Mr. Donahue and one hundred dollars from Mr. Gallagher. Mr. Dick designated the sum of \$10.75, proceeds from his lecture to a women's group, to this total. If all our congregation and all our children, too, will use the Advent Folder we will reach our goal. Wouldn't it be grand if we could present our Accounting Warden, Mr. Hodgson, with one thousand dollars by January first?

SANTA LUCIA FEST

The Swedish Children's Club of Gloria Dei will present the only Lucia Fest in this city this year. For a number of years Miss Astrid Person played this role here at Gloria Dei until the Swedish Children's Club was created by Miss Katherine Rambo. This year the Club will hold this "Fest" on Friday evening, December 11, at 8.30 P. M. The children will dance in costume and coffee and Swedish refreshments will be served. Christmas cards and posters from Sweden and many attractive books will be on sale. Scandinavian food products will also be available. A donation of fifty cents will be asked for the benefit of the children's activities through 1943.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

The Choir under the direction of Mr. Snyder are preparing a Choral Pageant of the Holy Nativity. Despite the war and the fact that most all the boys in the Choir are in our armed forces, the Choir is preparing to maintain the Christmas tradition. Miss Ellen German will be the soprano soloist and Mr. Clarence Boyd has volunteered to do the tenor solos. Mrs. Bertha Shearman, Miss Dorothy Dollsheck, Mrs. Helen Kain Hopkins are leading the chorus of younger girls. The Christmas Pageant will be presented on the Sunday afternoon before Christmas, at the Christmas Communion and the second Sunday after Christmas. With Miss Helen Gledhill preparing new costumes and the action under Mr. Tatnall's direction we believe this will be the finest Christmas Pageant we have ever presented.

For more than five years fifty of our children in our Church School have been guests at the Penn Athletic Club. Those days have gone with the closing of the original club building. Therefore, special plans are in progress for a Christmas Parish Party in the Parish Hall. Miss

PARISH NOTES

There were 262 at our Christmas services. The largest number attended the Mid-night Christmas Communion since its introduction. Great credit is due Miss Ellen German, Mr. Clarence Boyd and all the members of the choir and cast for the beautiful choral Pageant of the Holy Nativity presented before the Christmas Communion.

The Church School Carol Service was attended by 110 children and 25 adults. The plays which Miss Gledhill and Mrs. Roak presented were quite delightful. Miss Rambo had some of the Swedish children present a bit from the Lucia Fest. Mr. Streaker was our Santa once again. Each child received a book from him.

The Christmas Offerings amounted to \$208.00. These offerings raise our Coal Fund to something more than seven hundred dollars. To date twenty Advent Folders have been returned containing \$50.00. There are still 120 Folders that have not been returned. Mr. Nichols and his Every Member Canvass Committee will call for your Folder. Have it ready for them. They will collect it regardless how incompletely it may be filled. When these Folders are all in we will reach our goal of \$800.00 for the Coal Fund.

The Women's Auxiliary will meet in the Guild House on Tuesday evening, January 12, at 8.30 o'clock. Every member is urged to be present.

The War is compelling us to seriously consider several changes in our Sunday Schedule of Services. The lack of travel and transportation is reducing the usual number of visitors that attend our services, especially in the afternoon, to a trickle.

So far we have added a new hour for service each Sunday. At nine a. m. we plan a celebration of the Holy Communion for men and women returning from defense plants and for those in the home who depend on an early service.

The "Ways and Means" or "Rector's Aid" are doing a grand job. These women prepared the Parish Dinner. Last week they repaired all our choir vestments. The men's vestments are being stored until their return from the service. Mrs. Lobue has charge of the altar silver, Mrs. Bleyler is caring for the altar linens. Mrs. Drayton has become Choir Mother. Money is being raised for a new frontal for the altar by Easter. This same group will give a Radio Party on Friday evening, January 22nd.

A most useful service kit was sent to each of our thirty men serving with our armed forces this Christmas. Your generous contributions made this possible.

The church has been the recipient of a number of very useful and permanent gifts this Christmastide. A beautiful white Venetian blind has been hung above the pulpit to reduce the glare during the sermon. A very handsome silver base has been added to the cross on the altar to raise it above the flower vases. A sturdy pair of iron gates have been hung at the entrance to the parking lot. All these gifts have been made possible through the Garden Fete Fund. And last, but not least, by any matter of means is the purchase of a car for the use of the Rector. After searching sometime for a good used car the chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Hannum, procured a Ford Sedan which he assures us was a very good buy.

For good measure pressed down we have received official notice from Washington that Gloria Dei is not only included among the National Shrines but the block about the church has been included in the designation order.



JANUARY BULLETIN

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A BAPTIST LOOKS AT THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

I expect to live to see a great revival of religion throughout the whole world. By a revival of religion, I mean an intensive acceptance of the Christian faith in the hearts of men, expressing itself in repentance and dedication to God who revealed himself in Jesus Christ. I expect to see the effects of this revival embodied in a church and a society so unlike the church and the society we have known that history will describe what has happened as nothing less than a revolution, and perhaps the greatest revolution since Christianity once before turned the world upside down. My expectation is based upon many considerations. The obstacles to Christianity are disappearing. Indifference toward religious faith on the part of the so-called intelligentsia is passing, and both the learned elite and the masses of the people are beginning to see that only a great religious conviction can produce and nourish and sustain an order of life compatible with the dignity of man. The silly obsession that science was the Messiah which would save the world is dissolving. The notion that at best religion is a private luxury, and at worst an opiate of the people, is falling off the tree of human thought like a withered leaf touched by the autumn frost. In the lurid light of the war it has been revealed that religion is ineradicable, that man is incurably religious, and that if he does not have a good religion he will invent a bad one. Moreover, the Christian church is getting ready for a mighty forward march. It is setting its own house in order. There is going on a process of reconciliation between liberalism and orthodoxy. Secularism is passing into ecumenicalism. The missionary impulse is emerging with unprecedented vigor as the church faces open doors everywhere in the world. The hearts of men were never more ready for the gospel of Christ.

C. CLAYTON MORRISON,
Editor of the *Christian Century Magazine*.

HAVE YOU JOINED OUR CLUB OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY?

There are eighty communicants of Gloria Dei who are active members of our Club of One Hundred and Fifty. These eighty communicants contribute regularly to the support of our Parish through the weekly envelope system.

It is our desire that the number of our church members using the weekly envelopes be increased to one hundred and fifty. Of course there are some of our members who help support our work by renting pews, responding to appeals and by sending to us semi-annual checks.

Our Accounting Warden Mr. Hodgson is calling on all those who have not gotten the habit of giving systematically to the work of our church, to join the Club of One Hundred and Fifty by requesting that a packet of envelopes be sent to them for the year 1943. If your church is of help to you and you are proud to be a member of our family don't delay, but become one of the one hundred and fifty now! Here are eighty boxes, representing one hundred and three members—Watch the number increase.

Miss E. Arms
Mrs. S. Bedell
Mrs. H. M. Bitting
Mrs. G. Bleyler
Mr. and Mrs. S. Campisi
Mr. G. Cartledge
Miss I. M. Cartledge
Mr. and Mrs. W. Carson
Miss Jane Cassidy
Mr. and Mrs. S. Clower
Mrs. G. Conn
Miss B. Davis
Mr. and Mrs. J. Dupon
Miss A. Dupon
Mrs. J. Dunlap
Mr. and Mrs. L. Drayton
Miss S. Doyle
Mr. and Mrs. F. Donohoe
Miss D. Dollscheck
Mrs. H. C. Dick
Mr. H. C. Dick
Mrs. B. DeWitt
Mr. and Mrs. W. Devitt
Mrs. C. S. Franck
Mrs. L. Gavin
Mr. and Mrs. F. German
Mr. D. German
Misses Anna, Mildred German
Miss H. Gledhill
Mr. W.B. Hadley
Mr. Will B. Hadley
Mr. G. Hadley
Mr. and Mrs. Hampton
Mrs. A. S. Hannum
Mr. A. S. Hannum
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hopkins
Mrs. E. Hujsi
Miss V. Hicks
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hodgson
Mr. and Mrs. D. Howard
Miss Margaret Howe
Miss Hazel Hudson

Mrs. F. Kendle
Mr. F. Kindle
Mrs. F. Kindle
Mr. F. Kendle
Mrs. I. Kauston
Mrs. J. Lavell
Mr. H. Levick
Miss M. McCall
Mr. and Mrs. G. McCall
Miss M. McEvoy
Miss T. Matyas
Mr. C. R. Miller
Mrs. C. R. Miller
Mr. J. Marlow
Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Nichols
Mr. and Mrs. E. Parnum
Mrs. F. Pennington
Miss P. Pennington
Miss A. Person
Miss K. R. Rambo
Mrs. R. Reynolds
Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Roak
Mrs. A. Y. Roak
Mr. and Mrs. F. Poulterer
Mr. and Mrs. W. Prickett
Mr. and Mrs. Seaholm
Mrs. L. D. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. W. Stoltz
Mrs. R. Sweeney
Mr. H. Volkman
Miss B. Von Franska
Mr. P. Wallace
Mr. and Mrs. E. Walters
Mrs. W. B. Webb
Mr. and Mrs. H. Weidner
Mrs. H. Wells
Mrs. E. Willitts
Mr. L. Willitts
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Witman
Mr. H. F. Zeigler

MISSION IN SALISBURY

Mr. Roak has been invited to conduct a Preaching Mission for the five Episcopal churches in Salisbury, North Carolina, in St. Luke's Church where the Rev. E. B. Guerry is rector, commencing Monday, February 15th. Both Mr. Stutzer and both his congregations will participate. The Rev. Francis Steinmetz, D.D., will preach in the Rector's absence.

PARISH NOTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be held in the Guild House on Tuesday evening, February 9, at eight o'clock. New members are always welcome. Members please reserve this date and be present.

The Ways and Means will hold a Radio Party in the Parish Hall on Thursday evening, February 11, at 8 P. M. Sixty-four dollars was raised for the Coal Fund at the January party. It is hoped everyone will support these women in their earnest effort to meet the current expenses of the Parish. Please send prizes to Mrs. Lee Drayton, 927 S. Water St., Attention Mr. German.

Just to remind you, there is a celebration of the Holy Communion each Sunday at 9 A. M. for those returning from Defense Industries and any who cannot attend the later services.

Are you a member of the "150" Club? Everyone who uses weekly envelopes is automatically enrolled. So far we have 85 members. We need YOU! Send a card to Mr. H. E. Hodgson, 2328 S. Croskey St., and envelopes will be forwarded to you immediately.

Our Boys' Club is under the direction of Mr. Tatnall and meets each Wednesday in the Guild House at 7.30. Calling all boys of the Parish to sign up.

Mr. Snyder is in constant need of new members for the Choir. If you enjoy singing step in the Guild House any Wednesday evening and volunteer your services.

The Girls' Friendly Society under Miss Gledhill's direction is raising funds for the China Relief Society. This is a Diocesan effort in which all our parishes have joined.

Rectors of the Central City Episcopal Churches have volunteered to conduct preaching services for the Longshoremen on the curb outside our church, as a Lenten project.

The Quaker City Chapter of the D.A.R. will attend divine service in this church on Sunday, February 21, at 3.30 P. M., when the Rev. Francis Steinmetz, D.D., will speak on the life of Washington. This will be the Chapter's twentieth visit to us.

"Lord—I shall be verie busie this day,
I may forget Thee—but doe not Thou forget me."

Sir Jacob Astley's prayer before the Battle of Newburg.



FEBRUARY BULLETIN

1943

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

Delaware Ave. and Christian St., Philadelphia

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REV. JOHN CRAIG ROAK, S.T.B., Rector

A few weeks before his capture at Corregidor, an officer in the United States Army wrote his family that he had stopped praying for his own safety and, instead, was asking for strength so that those under him would have "every reasonable chance." Isn't such a philosophy one of the "flags of dawn"?—young Americans thinking about other people—taking responsibility for the people next door—or the fellow "under" them?

Three Negroes, one a Red-Cap, kneeling at the Communion rail at seven a. m., one Sunday morning—suddenly joined by a fourth friend who had got up at 5:30 in order to be present. . . . Six men at a supper table in the parish-house of a church—one a member of a C.I.O. Transport Workers Union, one the founder and head of a huge business enterprise, one a clergyman, the fourth a corporation lawyer, the fifth a boiler-room engineer, the sixth the editor of a magazine—the conversation beginning with the business man asking one of the working-men exactly what religion meant to him, and the man telling a story of victory over resentment in his home and on the job—the business man speaking later and admitting bad temper and irritability to be a live problem in his life and one he wanted to get rid of. . . . Coming in at the middle of a layman's group one afternoon and hearing a speaker from the Middle West say, "Begin each day with a period of meditation and prayer. . . . Many have never learned that a self-centered person is headed for sure defeat. . . ."

Christ wants *men*—men and women who consider profits and position as gifts from God, who use material possessions, as stewards, for the common good—workers who gladly produce so that the fruits of labor will be available for everyone (themselves included)—politicians who govern with absolute honesty and with dependence on God's direction—parents and teachers who love children enough to lead them into the knowledge of God—soldiers and sailors whose vision is clear, and who will demand a Christian country and, along with all of us, fight that second battle to establish and maintain the peace of God on earth.

We are the "flags"—you and I, and all who will enlist.
Unfurled, "the flags of dawn appear."

RECTOR BECOMES DIRECTOR FOR DURATION

At the request of Bishop Hart our Rector has become Director of the Army and Navy Commission of the Diocese. Mr. Hannum represented the Vestry when members of the Commission, Messrs. Lewis Lukens and Thomas Ringe, presented the plan. Mr. Roak will direct all efforts put forth by the Church in the Diocese to reach Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Waacs and Waves. Centers will be set up at St. Stephen's Community Hall, St. Luke and the Epiphany and other places. In all of this, the Church will be the Church, hence all over this city our clergy will take the sacrament where it will be necessary and every sort of spiritual administration will be available to the men.

WEEKLY SOCIAL FOR COAST GUARDSMEN

There are 1800 members of the Coast Guard barracked at 3rd and Spruce Streets. Members of the Moore Institute and the Navy League and our own women in the Parish are available as dance partners for the men. Mr. and Mrs. Hannum are considering the direction of this program in the very near future as an aid to these men.

UNIFORMS IN THE PEWS

Mr. Phillip B. Wallace is planning to resume his personal Christian work with the men in uniform. He had great success last spring and hopes to do as well this year. You can do much to help this work by making contributions for lunches for these boys. After church each Sunday the boys are given lunch and taken to the famous sights of the town. We hope all of this fine work may be revived and well sustained.

VESPERS FOR THE WAACS

Mrs. William Speiss, president of the Girls Friendly Society, assures us groups of Waacs can be brought to service in the afternoon. Once this plan is in operation, Miss Helen Gledhill and her older girls can be of great help acting as hostesses at the tea to be held after these services.

WHY WERE THE SAINTS, SAINTS?

Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when it was difficult to be patient; and because they pushed when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to talk, and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all.

It was quite simple and always will be.

Wednesday, March the 10th is Ash Wednesday. There will be Holy Communion and the Penitential Office at 11.30 A. M.

PARISH NOTES

There were four hundred and fifty who attended services in the Church on Mother's Day. In the morning Eastern Star Lodge 186, Free and Accepted Masons were present. In the afternoon fourteen Troops of Boy Scouts made the pilgrimage. The Quaker City Chapter, D.A.R. presented twelve Good Citizenship Medals. Dean Gifford of the Divinity School preached. Our own newly-formed Troop 153 under the direction of Mr. Arthur Hopkins, Scoutmaster, acted as hosts to the visiting Scouts.

Our Easter Offering this year from all sources; envelopes, mite boxes, plate collections and Sunday School offerings, amounted to one thousand dollars. Two hundred and six dollars of this amount was the sum contributed by the Church School at the Presentation of the Lenten Mite Box Offering on the grounds of the Episcopal Academy.

Mrs. Roak has been singularly honored recently by having been elected President of the Board of The Moore Institute and The Women's School of Design succeeding Judge Edwin O. Lewis. This is the oldest art school for women in Philadelphia and has a distinguished history.

We earnestly hope we will be able to paint all our buildings inside and out during the month of August. Even though the Garden Fete is very successful, the receipts will not be sufficient to accomplish this undertaking. Therefore, a group of Junior Vestrymen consisting of Messrs. Volkman, Saudarg, Hopkins and Heisley are investigating the possibilities of a carnival on the grounds to the south of our property line, to swell the fund. The date to be announced later.

On the eve of Pentecost, it is good to have with us the Choir of the University of Lund, Sweden. There are forty-four men in the group under the direction of Joseph Hedar, Choirmaster at the Cathedral of Lund. Fourteen of the men are seminary students. They will visit the church and sing during the Garden Fete.



Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Churchyard

NATIONAL SHRINE

Delaware Avenue and Christian Street

14th Annual Historical Garden Fete

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1947

noon to sunset

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL HISTORICAL GARDEN FETE

Dear Members of the Parish and all our Friends
who help in this good cause:

It doesn't seem possible that this will be the fourteenth time we have gathered together the whole strength of our congregation to act as hosts to the thousands of Philadelphians and their friends who love our dear Church for its worth as a Christian beacon these last three hundred years and who enjoy in sharing in a small way in its preservation.

Somehow I have always looked upon this event as the Parish Outing when all our people, young and old, shared in the fellowship of the day which is packed full of interesting contacts, no little toil and lots of humor.

The theme of the Pageant will spring from a dream which King Gustavas Adolphus had of a land of tranquility undisturbed by the wars of Europe.

In the Episodes that follow the influence of the founders of New Sweden upon the America still to be, is shown in the home, the school and the state.

The music for the day will be greatly enhanced by the visit of the Choir of the University of Lund and the presence of the City Band throughout the day. The Junior Choir and some of the soloists from the Senior Choir are singing in the Pageant.

With our limited facilities on one hand and the sugar shortage on the other it is heartening to hear our ladies assure us the Tea Garden and Evening Dinner will go on as before and that there will be home-made cakes and candies in abundance. And I believe this goes for gifts and toys and refreshments.

Our many Patrons and Patronesses have stood loyally by us in the preparations we have made for which we are most grateful. After five years a very attractive program will be published and sold at admission stations on the grounds.

Let us hope that every Parishioner will be present, members of their families and their friends. We can make this a day of real Christian fellowship, of "knitting severed friendships" and of discovering many delightful new friends in the Parish we have not known before.

"Here it is," as they say in the Navy—

A Bright Day, A Prosperous Day, A Day chucked
full of happy memories, could we ask for more?

THE RECTOR.

THE BISHOP'S VISITATION

On the Third Sunday after Easter, Bishop Hart visited the Parish and confirmed a class of twenty-seven. The Rev. Marcel Brun, Rector of the French congregation of St. Sauveur, presented two of his candidates. The Bishop blessed the shutters and the two memorial marble plaques, the gifts of Mrs. Charles Blinn; the two historical Ship Models, the gift of Professor Carl Milles, and the Book of Memories, the gift of the Pennsylvania Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The following persons were received by confirmation into this congregation:

Dorothy Adelaide Bernhardt	John Edward Parnum
Frank Edwin Boesenhofer	David Bradford Roak
Ruth C. Boesenhofer	Harry Albert Rost
Robert Joseph Causton	Gerald Theodore Rost
Harry A. Fischer, Jr.	Emil Ernest Rost
Conrad Gardner	Helen M. Saudarg
Sarah Evelyn Gorman	Roy Saudarg
Francis Lillian Gorman	Dorothy Madelon Strom
Margaret Anna Gorman	Harold Bruno Strom
Robert M. Hewes	Frances Sarah Snyder
Thomas Hewes	Phillip Richard Snyder
Josephine Ann King	Raymond Walls
Margaret Grace King	Arthur Stanley Willits
Phillip R. Nichols	

On the morning of June seventh the Rector will receive a Doctor's Degree (Honoris Causa) from Upsala College.

REMEMBER ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY JUNE EIGHTH

- 11.00 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon
1.00 P. M. Collation in the Churchyard
3.30 P. M. Historical Address